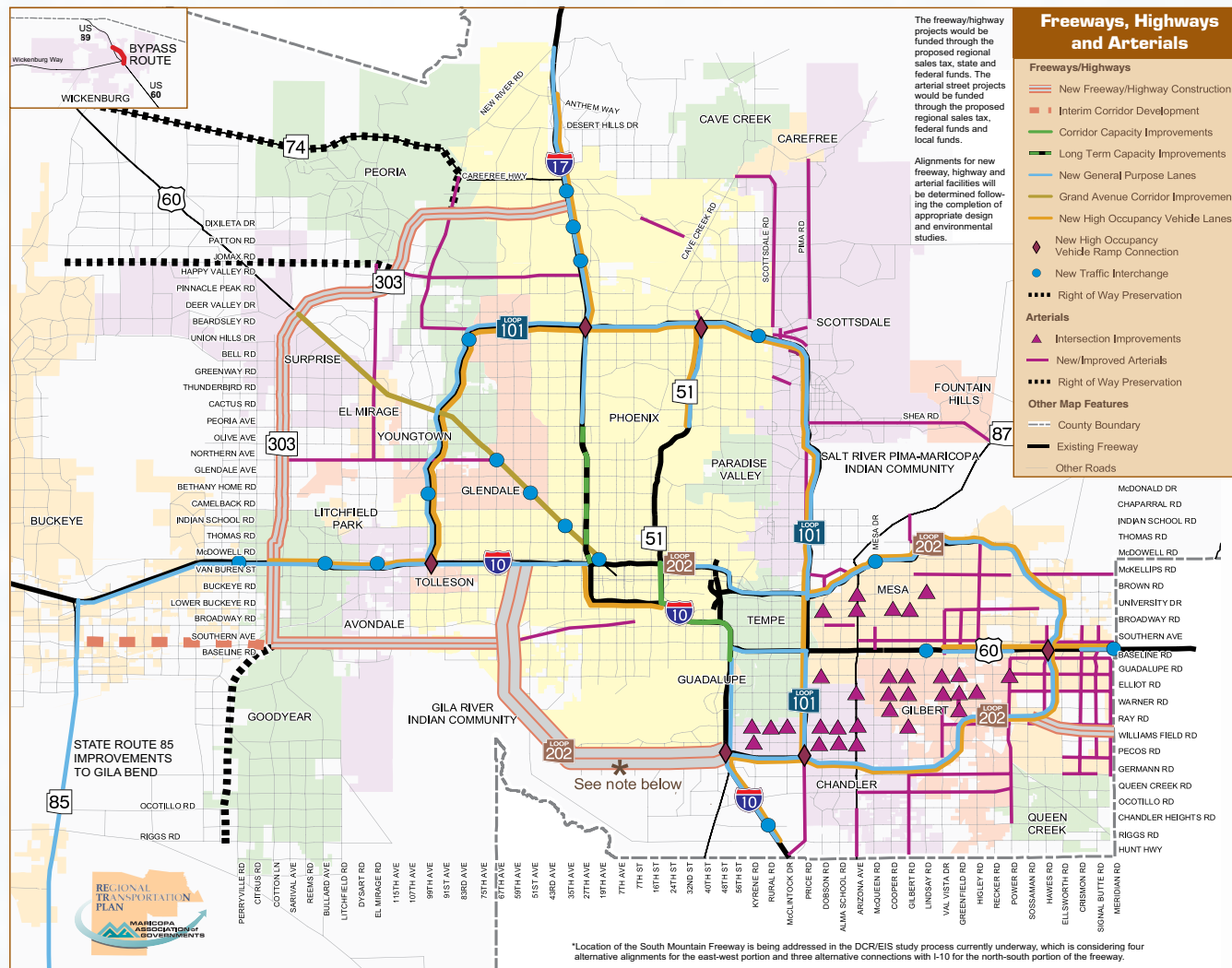


REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN



ABOUT TONIGHT'S MEETING

Thank you for coming!

Tonight's agenda will be:

6:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Open House Format

- Sign in
- Review study information
- Opportunity to speak one-on-one with study team members

6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Brief Presentation and Questions & Answers

- Opportunity to learn about the study

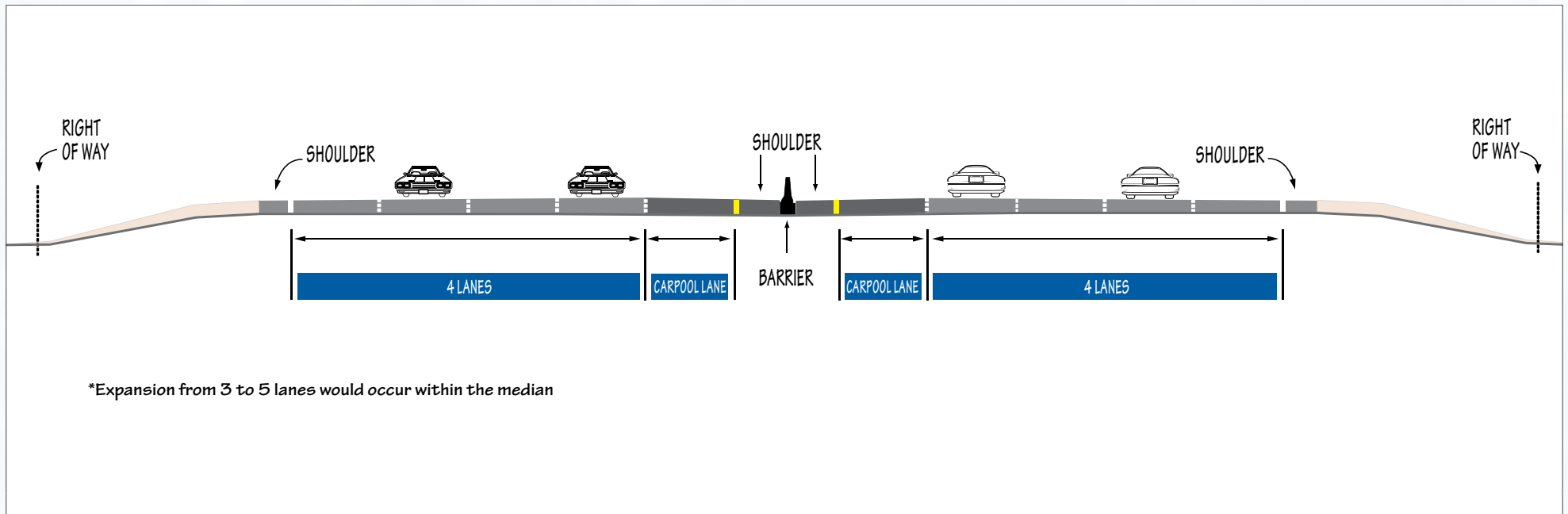
6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Return to Open House Format

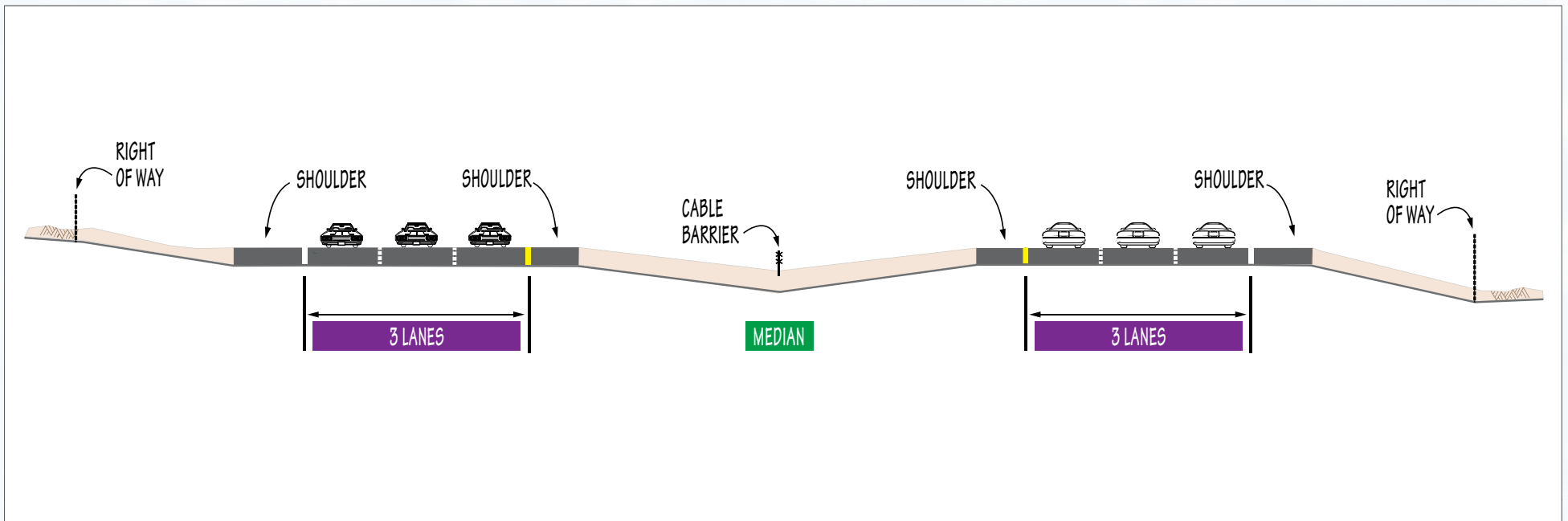
- Opportunity to speak one-on-one with study team members
- Submit comment sheets



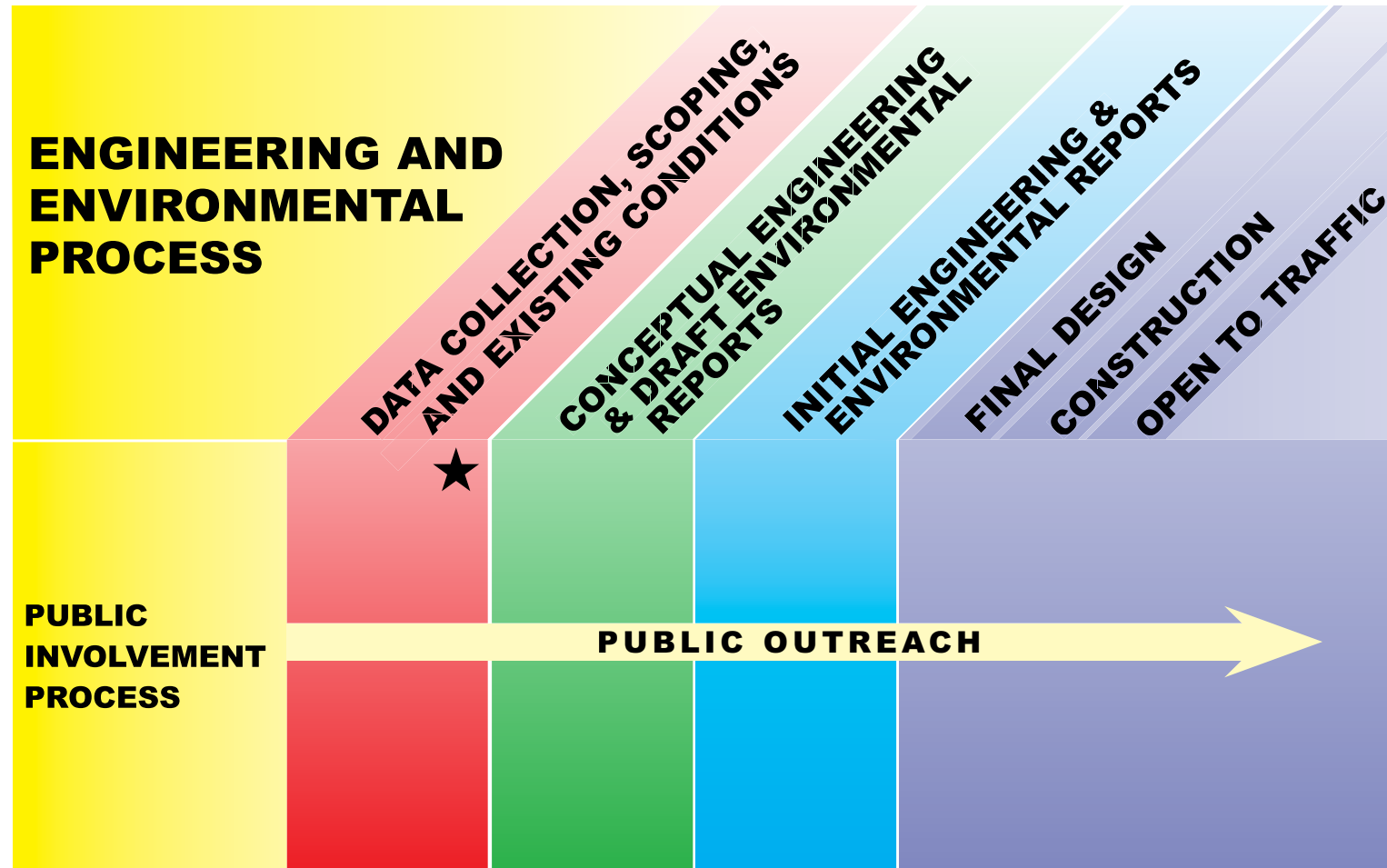
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3-LANE TYPICAL FREEWAY



STUDY PROCESS



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STUDY SCHEDULE

- Began data gathering for environmental and engineering study Summer 2005
- Complete environmental and initial engineering study Summer 2007
- Complete initial design Early 2009

Next Steps

- Land acquisition to preserve path of proposed freeway
- Final Design
- Construction (Funded in Phase 4 of the Regional Transportation Plan in years 2021–2025)



WHAT ARE SOME ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY ELEMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED?

- Land Use/Socioeconomics
- Water Quality
- Noise Studies
- Cultural Resources
- Civil Rights/Title VI
- Environmental Justice
- Biological Resources
- Hazardous Materials
- Air Quality
- Visual Quality



WHAT ARE SOME OF THE ENGINEERING ELEMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED?

- Traffic Analysis and Projections
- Water and Drainage
- Right-of-Way Needs
- Existing Utilities
- Roadway Improvements
- Freeway Management System
- Implementation Plan
- Maintenance



WHY DOES AN ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT HAVE TO BE PREPARED?

- To make sure the study addresses federal environmental laws
- To provide a description of the study area
- To show whether or not the study will affect environmental resources in the study area
- To document the study process and activities



DESIGN OBJECTIVES

The proposed improvements will be designed to comply with relevant policies and meet several objectives including the following:

- Current state and federal design criteria and guidelines
- Serve the growing communities by providing an additional east/west route in the west valley



STUDY FACTS

Study Purpose and Need

- With the current traffic congestion and anticipated growth in the southwest valley, the regional freeway system needs to be expanded
- A new east/west freeway in the southwest valley would add additional traffic capacity to the area

Study Boundary

- The study boundary generally follows Perryville Road in the west, 51st Avenue in the east, Lower Buckeye Road in the north, and the Salt and Gila rivers in the south
- SR 801 would connect the future Loop 303 to the future Loop 202



WAYS TO PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS

- Talk with a study team member here tonight
- Submit comment forms
 - *Fill them out and drop them in the box here this evening*
 - *Mail them according to the instructions on the form*
- Write your comments on the flip charts located near exhibits
- Please send written comments to:

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Written comments should be submitted
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